

OLD COULSDON RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY, 8th May 2017

at 66, Caterham Drive, CR5 1JK

Present:

Janet Stollery (Chairman)
Alan Clifford
Marion Clifford
Sally Cook

Adrian Fosberry
Lee Honey
Brian Hudson
Michael Seabrook

Caroline Jewell
Vic Young
By Invitation:
Cllr Chris Wright

1.0 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were apologies from Nigel Rea and Mike Blake.
Caroline Jewell had tendered apologies for potentially arriving late.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 10th April 2017

Attention was drawn to some typos and the minutes were then agreed.

3.0 MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED BY THE AGENDA

None.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Finance – reports attached.

In CJ's absence, AF read out CJ's email sent in case she was delayed in travelling home.
Both the Chairman and SC were now satisfied with the NatWest OCRA account.

4.2 Membership and Recruitment – report attached.

MC reported that there had been 15 acceptances so far for the Road Stewards' Party but would not be chasing up remaining road stewards but expected acceptance numbers to rise. Roger C. had offered to run the bar and help from members of the committee would be needed on the day, starting from 6:30 pm. Also needed were donations for raffle gifts.

One road steward, retiring on health grounds, had collected his round's membership subscriptions but would not be able to deliver the Summer issue – BH volunteered to cover.

ACTION: BH

4.3 Planning – report attached.

MS raised two issues before drawing attention to three applications in his report.

- ⌚ The development application in the conservation area by the Pond publicised on Facebook: this had received a mixed response from residents. However, the application had been rejected by the Council - a copy of the rejection letter was circulated which gave the reasons as excessive bulk and out of character.
- ⌚ The Homefield House development by BrickbyBrick: Cllr MB had raised this application as an issue with the Council in relation to the purdah period but it was going to the Planning Committee on Thursday, 11th May at 6:30pm. The nearest resident was expected to speak for the three minutes allocated. CW reported that the Local Flood Authority had been involved and that changes had been made to the application which would be subject to planning conditions. TWA had not raised objections and surface water dispersal was the responsibility of the developer. There had been 13 objections, fewer than expected and the school had not objected. The Committee might visit the site to gain a better appreciation of the planning issues involved. There had been some anti-social behaviour on the site, attributed to youths. Environmentally, there were TPOs on some of the trees on the site.

The current applications:

🕒 131 Tollers Lane – the application had been refused.

🕒 55 Marlpit Lane – this was outside the OCRA area.

🕒 19 Shirley Avenue – *No issues.*

19 Rossetti Gardens – BH drew attention to the application discussed at the previous committee meeting and raised concern about the clay in the area and its adverse impact on the local roads during the construction period. MS suggested commenting to the Council on the application and suggesting a planning condition be applied re cleaning of the construction vehicles before they left the site.

4.4 Publicity – report attached.

This was accepted as presented in NR's absence.

4.5 Website – report attached.

The Chairman asked if the new site had been visited. AC reported visiting it but had encountered some problems – MS suggested these might have been caused by missing links. The Chairman suggested that the site could be reviewed in due course and asked if the Safer Neighbourhood element had been covered – LH confirmed that it had been.

4.6 Newsletter – report attached

SC drew attention to the need for more content and the copy deadline was 19th May. AF responded that unfortunately the Transport report was likely to be short. It was suggested that the local new GP Hub could be given publicity but there was some concern that any information printed would be still correct when published as the introduction of the new service was suffering from several implementation problems which the CCG were committed to address. There had been a request from Brian Udell for a report on Neighbourhood Watch. VY suggested an article on his son's retirement as a Cub Leader after a long period of involvement in the movement, both as Cub and Leader. MC suggested that Valerie Dunmore might contribute an article aimed at stopping people dumping rubbish, etc in the Pond and not giving bread to the ducks.

Related to local people, there was a brief discussion followed by a decision by the Chairman to send a sympathy card to Dr Peter Boffa.

ACTION: Chairman

5.0 COUNCIL ISSUES

CW reported on the following issues which generated discussion:

🕒 **20 MPH speed limits.** There was a Traffic Management meeting the following evening and the report might be called in by the Scrutiny Committee.

🕒 **Green Waste.** There was an issue with residents concerned after they had paid for the service in 2017 but had not received a green waste bin, stickers or had a collection. Residents were claiming a refund. Reports that Croydon green waste bins were being delivered in Sutton were not raising confidence in the service.

🕒 **Local Plan meeting.** There was a meeting on Wednesday, 12th May, for RA reps to learn how the Planning Inspector's hearing of the submissions, expected to last a fortnight, would be conducted. Coulsdon issues of concern were the proposed Travellers' site at Purley Oaks and local flooding.

🕒 **Ward Boundaries.** Consultation had closed earlier that day. Proposals remain as published with two councillors in Old Coulsdon ward and three in West Coulsdon, with the borough-wide total remaining at seventy. The boundary between the Old Coulsdon and West Coulsdon ward would be redrawn and depart from following natural boundaries e.g. the A23 or the Brighton Main Line. The final arrangements would be announced on 7th July this year. The Chairman raised the possibility of reviewing local RA boundaries.

🕒 **Grange Park.** CW reported that he had met with Cllr Godfrey, who had stated that the Council did not have the resources needed for new projects in the park but would support local initiatives on the lines

of the recent upgrading of the children's playground. The Grange Park trustees were meeting the following week and the Friends Group would be looking for external funding. However, there were 127 parks in Croydon. CW confirmed that the Council would maintain a new feature such as an exercise path. CW raised the issue of the Trustees being unwilling, unlike others in Croydon, of accepting liability for accidents related to the installation of table tennis tables in the park. However, the resident survey had indicated 55% support for provision for the over-12s and many supported the exercise path proposal. An ongoing issue was the current age limit of 14 in the children's playground – this was to be reduced to 12 by attaching an appropriate sticker to the information panels.

- 🕒 **Green Waste.** VY described the problem he had faced when trying to report a missed green waste collection – there was no provision for doing so on the page for reporting normal wheeled bin, or recycling bin, failures.
[Reporting of green waste collection failures is through 'Your Account/Green Waste.']

6.0 CROYDON AND COULSDON DEVELOPMENTS

The following issues were raised:

- 🕒 **The Purley skyscraper.** CW reported that this had been 'called in' by the relevant Secretary of State.
- 🕒 **Coulsdon developments.** AF reported a meeting of local RA reps with Colm Lacey, managing director of Croydon Council's BrickbyBrick development company. Following the concerns expressed at the previous meeting, he increased the proposed parking on the Lion Green Car Park site from 70 to 80 in response to the local RAs' long-stated demand for 120. Regarding Coulsdon parking, AF also reported that he had noticed when walking through it during the day that the ex CALAT public car park was totally empty – a total waste of a public asset which merited a review of the pricing structure.
- 🕒 **Tollers Estate Development.** This has been delayed.
- 🕒 **Leaden Hill Development/Phase 3.** It was reported that work had started on this Oakwood site.

7.0 ROAD STEWARDS' PARTY – Friday, 9/06/2017

Item covered above in 4.2.

8.0 OLD COULSDON ROTARY FAIR – Saturday, 1/07/2017

The Chairman reported that she had one of the gazebos (MS has the other).

LH offered to provide a large gazebo if required.

For compilation of the attendance rota for the event, AF asked for people's availability. However, it was accepted that the 2016 rota would be appropriate.

ACTION:AF

(9:27pm - CJ entered and apologised for her late arrival following a long journey home.)

SC enquired about the whereabouts of the plastic racks used at the fair – these were with MS.

For members and non-members, NR was updating the OCRA information sheet.

The Chairman reported that she would provide six chairs, three tables had been ordered and that the pitch had been changed to one that was more central.

VY asked about the brackets used in the past to support the OCRA banner. Following brief discussion, it was agreed that the banners would be fixed within the gazebos.

The Chairman would use the event to encourage residents to engage with OCRA.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS (including other reports & correspondence)

- 🕒 **Cat Killer.** The Chairman reported that a headless fox had been found in the Caterham Tesco car park the previous day -the relevant experts had established that it had been the work of the Cat Killer. It was suggested that ANPR data, if available, might provide a lead for the investigators.

🕒 **Withdrawal of late night trains by Southern.** AF reported the imminent withdrawal of trains after 00:05 from Victoria to facilitate engineering work by Network Rail. Passenger representatives have expressed strong concerns about the limited consultation on this change and have put forward options to reduce the impact on late night travellers, e.g. by delaying the blockade until the departure of the trains which currently leave only a few minutes later. Some additional stops by Thameslink trains are intended to reduce the impact. [See <http://www.southernrailway.com/your-journey/plan-your-journey/timetable-changes-may-2017>]

🕒 **New equipment for OCRA.** The Chairman asked for suggestions for equipment OCRA could buy to facilitate its open meetings i.e a sound system, a data projector and, possibly, a screen. AF suggested that it might be prudent to have confirmation of the cost of the City of London installing The Sign before a decision was taken on such purchases, but LH offered to check out possible equipment and report back.

ACTION: LH

🕒 **The Sign.** CJ suggested that she could make some enquiries as she regularly walked her dog near the Col depot. This offer was accepted.

ACTION: CJ

🕒 **Green Belt Map.** BH reported having a Green Belt map which was available for others to borrow.

10.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12th June 2017 at the Old Coulsdon Centre for the Retired

The Chairman thanked MS for his hosting the meeting and his hospitality.

The meeting closed at 9:40pm.

FINANCE REPORT- April 2017

Period January - April 2017

Period - April 2017

	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS				
Membership Subscriptions	1,317.00		985.00	
Newsletter Adverts	462.50		285.00	
Amazon-website cont.	2.90		0.00	
Easyfundraising	0.00		0.00	
Donations	0.00		0.00	
Total Receipts		1,782.40		1,270.00
PAYMENTS				
Telephone	10.00		10.00	
Ink cartridges & IT	28.98		0.00	
Postage	5.50		5.50	
Stationery	59.02		2.50	
Fuel	0.00		0.00	
Newsletters	882.00		0.00	
Subscriptions	70.00		0.00	
Donations	50.00		0.00	
AGM	46.65		1.65	
Road stewards party	45.00		0.00	
Village fair	94.00		0.00	
OCRA meetings hall hire	120.00		0.00	
Xmas party	45.00		0.00	
Gifts	2.99		2.99	
Total Payments		1,459.14		22.64
Excess of payments		-323.26		-1,247.36

Nat West Current A/C at April 28th, 2017, £8771.47

C Jewell
05/05/2017

Membership Report

- I have received returns from 17 road stewards so far. These show 589 out of 719 households are members (81%).
- Nobody has come forward to become a road steward for the vacant rounds. Therefore these areas will continue to receive no further newsletters.
- Mike Carrigan, road steward for 50 to 128 Bradmore Way, a total of 38 houses, is moving and therefore giving up his round. He will collect the subscriptions before he moves. He will not be available to deliver the June newsletters. A thank you letter has been sent. Should we add this to the list on the website now or wait until Mike has collected the subscriptions?
- Some people, who do not have a road steward, have asked if they could pay their subscriptions direct to OCRA and have the newsletter delivered. Janet has agreed to take on the delivery and collection of subs for 3 members in Tollers Lane, plus one other. 2 more have been added to Mike Blake's out of area list. These 2 people live on the Tollers Estate and Janet has decided we should not charge them as out of area and they should just pay the £2 subscription.
- The road stewards' party is on Friday June 9th and the invites have been sent out. Thank you Janet for printing and sending out the invites. So far I have received 9 replies and of these 15 people are attending, (the figure is larger than those received as it includes their guests).
- I would like to thank Sally for holding the OCRA phone whilst I was away.

Marion Clifford
5.5.2017

Planning Report

Chris Wright will update us on the latest re Homefield House at the meeting

At the time of writing there does not seem to be a lot else about this month.

Erection of single storey side/rear extension (without compliance with condition 1 - built in accordance with approved plans - attached to planning permission 16/05857/hse)

131 Tollers Lane Coulsdon CR5 1BG

Ref. No: 17/02079/CONR | Received: Mon 24 Apr 2017

This has been refused.

Alterations and use of garage as habitable room and erection of single storey rear extension

19 Shirley Avenue Coulsdon CR5 1QZ

Ref. No: 17/01885/FUL | Received: Mon 10 Apr 2017

I see no problem with this.

Discharge of condition 11 attached to planning permission 15/00335/p for the Demolition of existing building; erection of 3 two storey four bedroom terraced houses with accommodation in roofspace and formation of vehicular access and provision of associated parking.

2 Caterham Drive Coulsdon CR5 1JD

Ref. No: 17/01820/DISC | Received: Thu 06 Apr 2017

This relates to the energy certificate which show that the new houses are very energy efficient, which is good news as if they are flooded, it won't take so much electricity to dry them out...

Michael Seabrook

7.5.2017

Publicity Report

The Monthly Mail for May has been drafted for Chairman to issue - it will be added to Facebook and the OCRA website after a week.

Nigel Rea

3.5.2017

Website Report

The new website is now live at <https://www.theocra.org.uk/> - note the change to https: for greater security for users.

The content has been transferred from the old site to the Wix.com website which has been linked to the OCRA domain name via LCN.com. It is arranged differently using the following Menu structure:

Home	Events	Blog	News	Planning
Contact OCRA	Regular Events		OCRA Newsletters	Planning Applications
About OCRA			OCRA Monthly Mails	
Brief History of OCRA				
Who's Who in OCRA				
Police	Newcomers		More	
Safer Neighbourhoods Team	Young People		Council Services	
SNT FAQs	Groups for Everyone		Local Photographs	
	Groups for Over 50s		Friends' Groups	
			Theatre Club	
			Useful Links	

The **Blog** is used to publish current issues. They are in date order but can be displayed by Category. The items in April are:

- Coulsdon Common Newsletter
- Flood Information Event
- Road Works
- Petrol Prices
- OCRAtrade
- Coulsdon East SNT Twitter account
- Garden Waste
- OCRA Road Stewards
- OCRA on Facebook
- OCRA Monthly E-mail

Dates for your Diary are now shown under Events - latest dates for 2017 added.

Planning - latest applications are under Planning - also added to Facebook - last one was 24th April.

Website Usage - no stats available from Wix.com yet.

Facebook - there are now 1,396 (1,386) members of the OCRA Group.

Nigel Rea

3.5.2017